List of OBCs in respect of 25 States/UTs.

(ii) The Government have provided reservation of 27% of vacancies in direct recruitment for Other Backward Classes in Civil Posts and services under the Government of India subject to the exclusion of socially advanced persons/sections (Creamy Layer). The scheme of reservation has been made applicable in direct recruitment to all Ministries and Deptts. of Govt. of India, public sector undertakings & nationalised banks under the Government of India.

(iii) In order to fulfil the quota earmarked for OBCs, the Government of India have provided relaxation of Standard to OBCs as in the case of SCs/STs candidates, in respect of written examinations & interviews.

(iv) The upper age limit prescribed for direct recruitment has been relaxed by three years for OBC candidates in direct recruitment; and

(v) The number of attempts in the case of OBC candidates who are otherwise eligible has been increased to 7 in respect of Civil Services Examinations.

(c) The National Commission for Backward Classes has been set up for entertaining, examining and recommending upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over inclusion and under inclusion in the lists of OBCs. NCBC is not concerned with implementation of the reservation policy.

Meeting of Chief Ministers on Literacy

1213. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the Chief Ministers was called recently to discuss the problem of illiteracy in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions which took place and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. However, a meeting of six States was called on 16.11.1995 at New Delhi to discuss the problems of conducting literacy campaigns in these States.

(b) The major initiatives decided upon during the Conference were:

(i) State Govts. to draw up a time bound action plan for bringing uncovered districts under the coverage of Total Literacy Campaigns.

(ii) Steps to be taken to increase the motivation of volunteers engaged in literacy campaigns.

(iii) Strong linkages to be established between Panchayati Raj Institutions and literacy campaigns. Increased involvement of Panchayati Raj representatives in the literacy movement.

(iv) Strong linkages between the literacy programme and other development programmes such as Pulse Polio Immunisation and other health programmes, Jawahar Rozgar Yojna, DWCRA etc. to be established.

(v) Decentralisation and delegation of authority for implementation of literacy programmes to State Governments by establishment of

State Literacy Mission Authorities. Funds to be released to State Authorities from next financial year.

(vi) State Directorates of Adult Education to be strengthened to enable them to act as nodal agencies for monitoring and supervision of literacy programmes.

Mineral Reserves in Orissa

1214. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate quantum of iron ore, bauxite and manganese ore reserves in Orissa;

(b) the steps taken for the proper exploitation of those minerals; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The approximate quantum (recoverable reserves) of iron ore, Bauxite and Manganese ore in Orissa as on 1.4.1990 as per Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) mineral inventory is as follows:—

(In million tonnes)

Iron Ore (Hematite)	—	2666.76 MT
Bauxite	—	1442.28 MT
Manganese Ore	—	40.84 MT

(b) and (c) Under the New National Mineral Policy announced in March, 1993, iron ore, bauxite and manganese have been dereserved and thrown open to private sector for exploration and exploitation.

Shortage of Fertilizers in Orissa

1215. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of fertilizers in the State of Orissa for the current crop season;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to meet the demand of the State?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) In the current Rabi Season, there is no shortage of fertilizers reported in the state of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Jawaharlal Nehru Scholarships

1216. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jawaharlal Nehru Scholarships for doctoral studies have been given to a large number of students in 1994 and 1995;

(b) if so, the names of such students year-wise;

(c) whether some eligibilities have been prescribed for students to receive such scholarships;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether students have to undergo some formalities before the award of such scholarships; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) and (b) A Statement-I is enclosed. (*see* below)

(c) and (d) A Statement-II is enclosed. (*see* below)

(e) and (f) The applicants should be already registered for Ph.D. Degree for the concerned subject with a Government approved institution in India at the time of making application for scholarship. The candidates selected for scholarship will give an Undertaking in the prescribed format to the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund to observe the